

**GOLDSMITHS
University of London**

ACADEMIC BOARD

STUDENT COMMITTEE

5 February 2008

Present: Philip Broadhead, (Chair) Mary Bright, Bob Westaway, James Hutchinson, Hannah Bullivant, Andrew Brett, Jack Gillis, Bassem El Haddadeh.

In Attendance: Lucy Smith Yetty Efunnuga (note taker)

OPEN BUSINESS

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Alison Ahern (Secretary), Linda France, Ann Frances

15 MINUTES

Resolved:

that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2007 be approved.

16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Noted:

that no academic members of staff were present at the meeting and that the Chair would remind appointed members of the importance of attendance.

17 COMMITTEE EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW

Received:

the Committee Effectiveness Review (07-76)

Noted:

- (i) that the Head of the Learning and Teaching Office should be listed as a member of the committee;
- (ii) that the terms of reference were considered to be appropriate.

18 BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT

Received:

the Bursaries and Scholarships project report (08-79)

The Chair noted that the first year of operation of the bursary and scholarships schemes had been a great success and thanked the Bursaries and Scholarships Officer for the work she had put into setting up the systems and in ensuring they worked effectively.

It was noted that unlike many other universities Goldsmiths had spent more on Bursaries than it had originally forecast

The bursaries had been particularly successful in attracting students from low income backgrounds

There were concerns regarding the low numbers of students who consent to share their information and the effect this has on monitoring.

- 540 students applied for bursaries
- 320 gave consent to share
- 755 received a bursary

Recommended:

that students would be further encouraged to share their data, with the SFIO and Bursaries and Scholarships Officer to giving thought to how best to achieve this.

19 STUDENT CHARTER

Received:

the draft of the Student Charter (08-77)

Noted:

- (i) that collaboration on this document has been widespread with the Student Union and relevant College departments having the opportunity to feed into the process;
- (ii) that some drafting issues were to be checked:
 - Page 2-To have a fair selection process. The Admissions team to add a brief description of current procedures to this section.
 - Page 3 – minor drafting changes to be incorporated.
- (iii) that any suggestions and changes were to be sent to Matt Redfearn.

Recommended:

that RCCs to be approached to provide information on policies for allocating accommodation.

20 PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHAPLAINCY CENTRE

Committee members were invited to discuss the proposal to change the name of the Chaplaincy centre (08-81)

Noted:

The document submitted by the Chaplaincy gave an account of the current activities and why a change of name was being proposed.

Committee members were unsure about the proposed name and felt further reflection would be appropriate.

21 STUDENT EXPERIENCE STRATEGY

Noted:

that committee members were informed that the Student Experience Strategy had now been presented to SMT.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

22 REPORT FROM STUDENT BAROMETER

Received:

a report of information produced by the first wave of the Student Barometer

23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Noted:

that the draft Drug, Alcohol and Substance Misuse Policy had been to SMT, which had endorsed the principle but recommended a re –drafting and consultation with HR.

24 NEXT MEETING

Noted:

that the next meeting would be held on 29 April 2008.

Alison Ahern
Head of Student Support Services
April 2008